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SUBJECT: BRITISH IMPORT MEASURES

REF: EC BRUSSELS 11287

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE COMMISSION'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS IN REGARD TO THE BRITISH EXPORT MEASURES. THE COMMISSION WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DISTRIBUTING THIS STATEMENT AT 5 PM BUT THEN STOPPED THE DISTRIBUTION ON THE BASIS, WE UNDERSTAND, THAT THE PRESENTATION IN THE COMMONS HAD NOT BY THAT TIME BEEN COMPLETED. THE MISSION'S TRANSLATION OF THE FRENCH TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TRANSLATION: THE COMMISSION HAS HEARD A REPORT FROM MR. GUNDELACH IN REGARD TO INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON SELECTIVE IMPORT CONTROLS WHICH IT INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE AND PUT INTO APPLICATION ON DECEMBER 17.

3. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE VERY LIMITED NATURE OF THE CONTROLS, THE COMMISSION CONFIRMED THE POINT OF VIEW EXPRESSED ON DECEMBER 16 BY MR. GUNDELACH TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT: (1) THE COMMISSION
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CONSIDERS THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF THESE CONTROLS IS IN-

OPPORTUNE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION BECAUSE THERE IS ALWAYS A RISK THAT IMPORT CONTROLS, EVEN THOUGH LIMITED, CAN PROVOKE A CHAIN REACTION; (2) THE COMMISSION HAS SERIOUS DOUBTS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE MERITS OF THE URGENT AND UNILATERAL PROCEDURE UTILIZED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

4. THE COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE EXAMINATION OF THESE MEASURES IN ITS MEETING OF DECEMBER 22 IN ORDER TO SEEK THE MOST APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY MEASURES TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION. END MISSION TRANSLATION. GREENWALD

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